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## 2015 SENATE BILL 740

February 11, 2016 – Introduced by Senators VINEHOUT and MILLER, cosponsored by Representatives DANOU and BOWEN. Referred to Committee on Government Operations and Consumer Protection.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 66.0217 (6) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:** Department of  
2     Administration advisory review of certain annexations.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill removes the limitation that requires the Department of Administration (DOA) to review proposed city or village annexations of town territory only in counties with a population of at least 50,000.

Under current law, no city or village may annex town territory that is located in a county with a population of at least 50,000 people unless DOA reviews the proposed annexation and offers an opinion as to whether the annexation is in the public interest. The city or village must review DOA's advice before taking final action on the proposed annexation.

For further information see the ***state and local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

3     **SECTION 1.** 66.0217 (6) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:  
4     66.0217 **(6)** (a) ~~*Annexations within populous counties*~~ *Department advisory*  
5     *review.* No annexation proceeding ~~within a county having a population of 50,000 or~~

**SENATE BILL 740****SECTION 1**

1 more is valid unless the person publishing a notice of annexation under sub. (4) mails  
2 a copy of the notice to the clerk of each municipality affected and the department,  
3 together with any fee imposed under s. 16.53 (14), within 5 days of the publication.  
4 The department shall within 20 days after receipt of the notice mail to the clerk of  
5 the town within which the territory lies and to the clerk of the proposed annexing  
6 village or city a notice that states whether in its opinion the annexation is in the  
7 public interest or is against the public interest and that advises the clerks of the  
8 reasons the annexation is in or against the public interest as defined in par. (c). The  
9 annexing municipality shall review the advice before final action is taken.

**SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

11 (1) This act first applies to an annexation about which a notice of annexation  
12 is published on the effective date of this subsection.

13 (END)